(ग) क्या राज्य के अहमदाबाद, बड़ोदरा, राजकोट, सूरत और जामनगर शहरों में उक्त योजना के कार्यान्वयन पर विशेष बल देते हुए कोई ज्ञापन प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(घ) क्या योजना आयोग ने उक्त शहरों में इस प्रयोजनार्थ कोई अतिरिक्त धनराशि प्रदान की है?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र कुमार भगतराम अलघ): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) की दृष्टि से प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) 1996-97 के दौरान गुजरात को मलिन बस्ती विकास हेतु अतिरिक्त केन्द्रीय सहायता के रूप में 14.27 करोड़ रुपये उपलब्ध कराए गए हैं।

Budgetary Funds to CIDC

3903. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the "Financial Express" dated the 14th February, 1997, pointing out that his Ministry "is bending backward to provide Budgetary funds to CIDC amounting to Rs. 3.71 crore despite objections raised by the Ministry of Finance"; and

(b) if so, the present status of the Construction Industry Development Council and the head Government made under which provisions for releasing money giving the reasons therefor as well as details of "objections" raised by the Finance Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A meeting of the Standing Finance Committee of the Ministry of Planning was held on 19.3.1997. The Committee, *inter-alia*, decided that a one-time grant (not exceeding Rs. 3.71 crore) may be released to the Council, keeping in view terms and conditions stipulated in case of other grantee institutions. As per the earlier decision, the Council was to be registered as a Company and funds were to be provided under "capital' head". However, the Council has since been registered as a Society and the funds are, therefore, required to be provided under revenue head. Funds have not been released so far.

Failure in Implementation of Development Programmes during Eighth Five year Plan

3904. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many development programmes and projects of Eighth five Year Plan have failed to deliver the results because of failures in their implementation;

(b) whether the time and cost overruns in infrastructure projects have been substantial; and

(c) if so, measures Government contemplating to improve projects implementation and delivery mechanisms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) As per information available with the Department of Programme Implementation, out of 516 central projects costing Rs. 20 crores and more, expected to be completed during the Eighth Plan, 251 projects are reported to have been completed, till 31.12.96.

(b) As on 1.1.1997 out of 410 central projects under implementation and on the monitor of DPI, 387 projects were in the infrastructure sector. Sectorwise time and cost overrun is given in Statement I (*see below*)

(c) Details of steps being taken to reduce delay in the implementation of projects are enclosed as Statement-II